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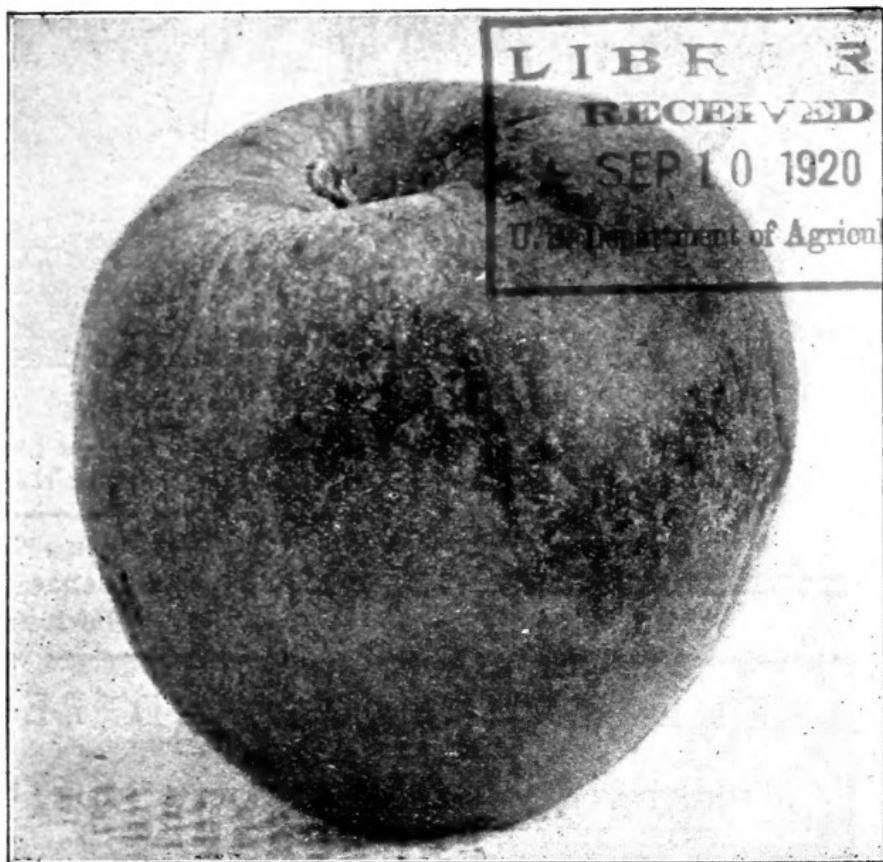
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THE REDWING APPLE



An all winter keeper.

Tree hardy even in Manitoba.

Parent tree bears 24 bushel crop.

Fruit sometimes 11 in. in circumference.

Quality, juicy, tart, sprightly.

Color bright beautiful red.

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**WEDGE  
NURSERY**  
ALBERT LEA, MINN.

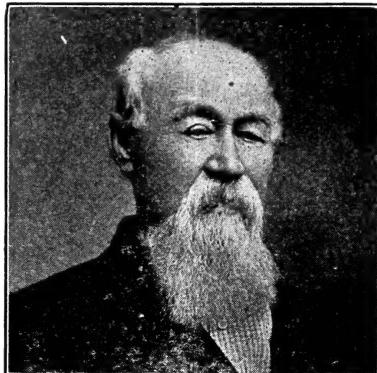
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WHAT BETTER APPLE CAN BE  
PLANTED IN THE NORTH?





Gold Medal won by Perkins Seedlings at the Louisiana-Purchase World's Fair at St. Louis in 1903 in competition with all comers.



T. E. PERKINS  
Honorary Life Member of the Minn.  
State Horticultural Society.



Wilder Medal won by Perkins Seedlings at the American Pomological Exhibition at Boston in 1903 in competition with all North America.

Who in 1893 planted the Malinda seed that produced the famous Perkins Seedling Apples.

## THE UNPARALLELED RECORD OF PERKINS SEEDLINGS.

### FIRST AT MINNESOTA STATE FAIR FOR TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

1903 -	1904 -	1905 -	1906
1907 -	1908 -	1909 -	1910
	1911 -	1912	

### FIRST AT MINN. HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

1904	-	1905
1908	1910	1911

### A RECORD OF BEARING

Red Wing, Minn., Oct. 31, 1913.

Gentlemen:—Yours received requesting me to state the exact number of bushels of apples that I picked from the Redwing apple tree. In reply will state that the amount picked this fall was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels. The tree carried its load well, not branch was broken although some were bent almost to the ground and it is going into winter in a thrifty and vigorous condition.

Yours truly,  
T. E. Perkins.

### A RECORD OF HARDINESS

Duston, Manitoba, July 30, 1912.

Clarence Wedge, Esq.,  
Albert Lea, Minn.  
Dear Mr. Wedge:

Your letter of the 17th inst., regarding the behavior of the Redwing up here in Manitoba is received. I may say that the past winter has been the most severe on nursery stock in 12 years. Such hardy shrubs as the Spirea Van Houttei and Arguta were killed down to the ground, and a large number of our younger apple trees in nursery rows of our hardiest varieties were killed back to a considerable extent. An examination of the Redwing, the scions of which you sent me three years ago; trees now 5 ft. in height, showed no evidence of winter killing, the terminal buds coming out strong and healthy from each limb. So far as tried, I class this apple as one of the hardiest if not the hardest of all varieties grown in our orchard, where something like 40 varieties are under test.

Yours truly,  
A. P. Stevenson

Believing that varieties of such merit, attested by such a wonderful record should be propagated and given to the public, Mr. Wedge in company with Mr. Cashman President of the Minnesota Horticultural Society visited the orchard in the fall of 1908 when it was loaded with fruit and selected and purchased from Mr. Perkins the right to propagate the varieties that they regarded the Most Desirable in the Orchard, paying Mr. Perkins a liberal sum for them. We have named the most promising of these the REDWING.

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## WHAT PROMINENT MEN SAY OF THE REDWING APPLE

### F. W. KIMBALL

**Pres. of the Southern Minn. Horticultural Society.**

"Last January at Spring Valley I saw the Redwing for the first time and it pleased me very much. It has a fine appearance, being deeply colored and fair to large size so as to make it attractive to purchasers; and if the tree proves as hardy as at present seems to indicate; and if, as I understand, it is a good fruiter and a late keeper, it seems that we have in this one apple most everything we could desire for this climate.

### C. M. JENSEN

**Sec'y of the Southern Minn. Horticultural Society.**

"I have seen the Redwing at our Freeborn County Fair, Minn. State Fair and at our Horticultural meetings. In shape it resembles the Malinda, its parent, having what is generally termed the "sheep-nose" shape. The apple is heavily streaked and splashed with red on a yellow background, so much so that at a distance it appears almost a solid red. Its size would be rated as medium to large, averaging considerable larger than the Malinda. Specimens sampled the latter part of January were very good in quality and without that objectionable corky after-taste.

### P. CLAUSEN

**Owner of the Lake Shore Greenhouses, Albert Lea.**

"The Redwing apple, of the Perkins Seedlings variety, is a beautiful red apple of large size, fully as large as the Wealthy and in my opinion its flavor is just as good. I saw it at the last County Fair, also at the winter meeting at Spring Valley of the Southern Minn. Horticultural Society."

### O. W. MOORE

**Pres. (1902-05) of Southern Minn. Horticultural Society**

"It is the opinion of the writer that a few of the Perkins group of Seedling apples will be heard from soon. This apple is above medium size and handsomely striped and in quality it is fine grained and sprightly. It has enough acid to cook up nicely and will be a success as a pie apple."

### L. P. H. HIGHBY

**Pres. Freeborn County Horticultural Society.**

"The Redwing will, in my opinion, prove itself a very valuable acquisition to our list of northern fruits. It is a better keeper than the Wealthy. Its quality is very good, having a distinct, rich, yet mild flavor of its own. It is a decidedly better apple than its parent because it has some acidity which is so badly lacking in the mother fruit. This variety will prove itself worthy of general planting all over the northwest."

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